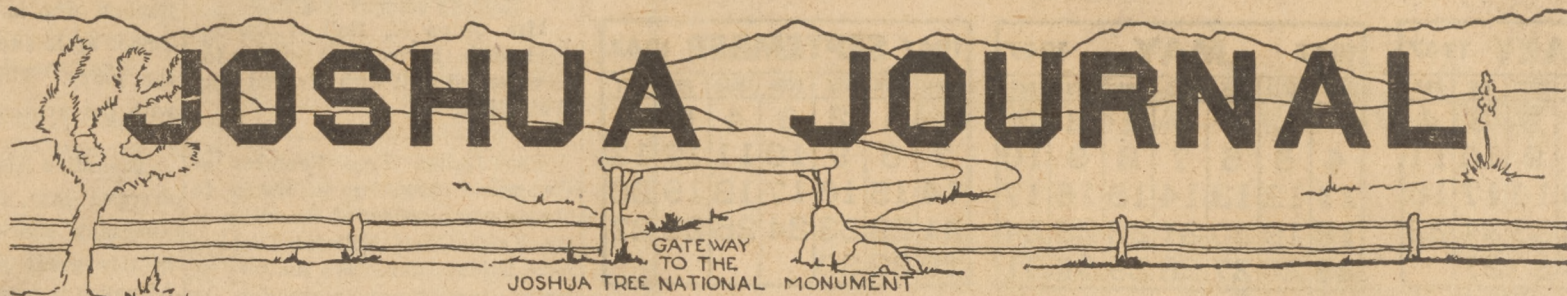


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Prominent Young Couple Married New Year's Eve

With the new Community Hall filled to overflowing, with friends, relatives and neighbors, Norma Marie LaFerney and William Gregg Bunker were married New Year's Eve by the Rev. D. C. Williams of Banning and the pastor of the local church organization.

The simple ring ceremony was read by the Rev. Williams from "The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," this particular volume having been given to Rev. Williams in 1918 by the late Bishop W. R. Lambuth, the noted Medical Missionary who used this book and carried it all over the world.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March the bride was escorted to the altar by her father, Fred LaFerney, and attended by Bonnie B. Harris of Santa Ana, the bridesmaid.

The best man was Robert (Bob) H. Marsh of Los Angeles.

An attractive altar of Juniper branches had been erected expressly for the occasion.

After the ceremony was read the bride and groom received the blessings and congratulations of the several hundred guests present, after which the bridal party went to the Club House where the reception was continued, and to watch the Old Year out and the New Year in. Refreshments were served throughout the evening.

The huge and beautifully decorated wedding cake was cut, according to tradition, jointly by the bride and groom.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred LaFerney, who are long time residents of this vicinity.

The groom is a Navy veteran of World War II and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester R. Bunker. Bill, as he is known to his friends, was honorably discharged from the navy in the spring of 1946 and is associated with his father in his real estate developments here.

The young couple left New Year's day by automobile for a week's honeymoon, destination unknown. When they return they will make their home in Joshua Tree.

Among the many guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wyatt of Los Angeles, both of whom are life long friends of Bill Bunker.

A. S. (Woody) Wood, assisted by Mrs. Wood (Jo) and Raymond Moore did a masterful job of handling and seating the largest crowd ever assembled in Joshua Tree.

Music was provided by an electronic record player through the courtesy of E. J. McKittrick (Radio Doc) of Twentynine Palms, and the records including the wedding march were furnished by Walter

County Chambers Called to Meet January 10th

The following letter extending an invitation to the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce to meet with other such organizations, should call for a large turnout by our members.

Secretary Biggs asks us to publicize the fact that all those who wish to attend this meeting should notify either Secretary Biggs or Vice-President Wood, not later than Monday evening. A big time is promised all those who attend.

December 30, 1946
Mr. Francis L. Biggs, Secretary
Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce
Dear Mr. Biggs:

SPECIAL NOTICE

The first meeting of the Secretaries of the Chambers of Commerce of the County for 1947 will be held at the Kaiser Steel Mill Cafeteria at Fontana on Friday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. We have arranged an interesting and important meeting and urge you and other members of your organization to attend. A delicious dinner is in store for you.

We must make definite reservations and therefore ask that you return the enclosed postal card as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
A. W. WALKER
Secretary County C. of C.

The Duncans Entertain Friends

Among the several friends entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Duncan during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reed of Redwood City and daughters, Patricia and Donna of Redlands; Mrs. Mattie Arnold and grandson, Alan Mandoley of San Bernardino, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. DeShaw of Los Angeles and Mr. Robt. Chandler of Springfield, New York.

Mr. De Shaw is a teacher at U. C. L. A. The visitors certainly enjoyed their stay here, and the Duncans, who are royal entertainers, showed them the true hospitality of Joshua Tree.

Gaunt and Associates also in Twentynine Palms.

At the Club House the newlyweds were the recipients of many beautiful and appropriate gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Bunker have the best wishes of all who know them for a long, successful and happy life.

NOTICE of TURKEY MEETING

There will be a meeting of all persons interested in Turkey raising, at Sun Valley Tract Office, SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1947 at 2:00 P. M.

This meeting is held for the purpose of organizing a Co-operative Turkey Growers' Association, and all interested are invited and requested to be present.

FOR THE STAR GAZERS
By Tom Keene
Amateur Astronomer.

New Year's Reunion Of Friends

A merry gathering of friends took place at the Reagan-Stocton ranch in Sun Valley during the past Yuletide.

Several days were spent in sight seeing and reviving old friendships.

The gathering culminated New Year's Day with a monster desert-raised turkey dinner at which the following were seated around the festive board; Mrs. Edna L. Reagan, Lucien L. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tootle, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scott, of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Keene and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McElroy. The latter two couples are from Burbank. The others make their home on the desert.

Best wishes were exchanged by all for a Happy 1947, New Year's Eve.

Los Angeles Folk Come Out for Air

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Teege, accompanied by their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Merrolls and their small son, were Joshua Tree visitors, having motored in from Los Angeles last week end. Mr. Teege said he had to come along so that he could drop into the Journal office and get the editor straightened out. They are valued readers of the Journal and we hope for them an entertaining and prosperous 1947.

Welcome Home

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCormick who have long lived in Morongo Valley have sold their home there to Mr. and Mrs. Holman of Desert Hot Springs.

The McCormicks have bought a home in Joshua Tree and plan to move here soon.

Pasadena Rose Parade Draws Many Thousands

Carolers Appreciated

The nicest things happen in Joshua Tree.

Having always lived in large cities, I am just learning the friendly ways of a small community.

My biggest thrill and nicest Christmas present came Christmas Eve. About nine o'clock we were sitting in the living room when we heard voices. Was it someone's radio? No, we were being serenaded by carolers.

How very, very lovely the voices sounded, singing the ageless Christmas Carols from out of the darkness. There were about twenty in the group and I hope you heard them too.

My special thanks to the originator of this good deed, and I hope it will be a yearly practice at this season.

Sincerely,
Benita Lyday.

Lee Family Spend Holidays Here

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lee, accompanied by their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves and their two sons, all of Los Angeles, spent several days in Joshua Tree, returning to their homes, Wednesday. The Lees own property here and pay semi-annual visits in order that they may recuperate and enjoy the healthful sunshine. While here Mr. Lee renewed his faith in the Journal by extending his subscription.

Mr. & Mrs. Diamond Visit Margaret Bair

Mrs. Margaret Bair is enjoying a visit of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Diamond, formerly of Chanute, Kansas.

Paul and his wife have been in North Carolina, where Paul was stationed at Ft. Bragg for the past four months. Mrs. Diamond will remain in Joshua Tree with her mother, while her husband is stationed overseas, somewhere in the Pacific Islands. Paul will leave Sunday for Camp Stoneman, where he will be until he receives his orders for overseas station.

They are a charming young couple, and Edith will be quite an acquisition to the younger set of Joshua Tree.

Sunshine and balmy weather greeted the thousands who attended the annual Rose Parade at Pasadena New Year's Day. It was one of the most successful of all Rose Parades, and the weather was made to order for the occasion. The beautiful floats winning top prizes were:

Sweepstakes Prize (most beautiful float, regardless of classification:) Glendale.

Grand Prize (most beautiful commercial entry:) Van de Kamp's Bakery.

Theme Prize (entry best depicting parade theme:) Burbank.

Pasadena Challenge Trophy (best Pasadena entry:) Pasadena City Schools.

Class AA (Counties or States:) 1—Utah Centennial.

Class A (cities of 200,000 or more:)

- 1—San Diego.
- 2—San Francisco.
- 3—Los Angeles.

Class A-1 (cities of 50,000 to 200,000:)

- 1—Long Beach.
- 2—San Jose.

Class A-2 (cities of 20,000 to 50,000:)

- 1—Santa Barbara.
- 2—Alhambra.
- 3—Huntington Park.

Bruins Take Awful Wallop

93,000 football fans saw the fighting Illinois team drub the overrated U.C.L.A. Bruins to the tune of 45-14. It was a smashing defeat for the Bruins, and it will be some time before they recover to realize how it all happened. It was a glorious day and the crowd gave full vent to their feelings. The Bruins were the unbeaten Pacific Coast Champions. It was the third highest score made in Rose Bowl history.

The Clifford Family Visit Joshua Tree

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clifford and son Richard, and Mrs. Clifford's mother, Mrs. Dawson of Culver City, were Joshua Tree visitors Wednesday.

Mr. Clifford is the owner of the store buildings occupied by Woody's Emporium and the Joshua Tree Electrical Shop, besides owning some vacant property here. Mr. Clifford has noticed that every time they visit in Joshua Tree the weather is one hundred per cent perfect. They returned home Wednesday night.

-Calendar For A Happy New Year-

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Coming Events

The Chamber of Commerce meets second Saturday of each month at the Community Hall at 8 o'clock.

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce meets Tuesday evening preceding Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion meets second Thursday in each month. Place to be announced by publicity representative.

American Legion meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Community Hall until further notice.

Woman's Club meets 3rd Friday of each month at 2 o'clock at the Community Hall.

Community Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday evening at the Community Building.

William R. Webb, famous Tennessee schoolmaster, was invited to speak at a conference at Pomona College on "The Place of Humanities in Education." The man who preceded him didn't think much of the humanities and emphasized the importance of practical education. "What we need is practical, down-to-earth courses," he said. "What I want my son to know how to do, for example, is to milk a cow."

"That is a very good idea," said Webb when his turn came. "A very good idea. I want my son able to milk a cow, but I'd also like him able to do some things that a calf can't do better!"

YUCAIPA VALLEY BANK OPENS

Yucaipa Valley National bank opened its doors yesterday, the first bank the valley has ever had. President Herbert W. Morrison said this morning there was a steady stream of visitors during the day, many opened accounts and the first day's deposits were

substantial.

The lobby of the bank was filled with flowers sent by well wishers and among the many visitors were a number from Redlands.

The bank is capitalized for \$70,000. For the time being remodeled quarters at 185 West Yucaipa boulevard are being used but it is planned later to erect a building at the boulevard and California street.

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Mrs. Anna M. Ball of Springfield, Mass., arrived last Sunday for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirch.

The Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce should go en masse to the county meeting of chambers at the Kaiser Steel Mills at Fontana next Friday, Jan. 10. Matters of grave importance pertaining to future needs and improvements within this county will be brought before the meeting and our chamber may be helped along the hard road ahead.

"Woody" of the Woody Emporium, tells us that when we leave town that will leave only one democrat in this nest of republicans. We hate to leave Woody in this den of republican wolves, but we have been called to other fields to take care of the waning fortunes of the new deal. Hang and rattle, Woody, we'll help you out two years from now.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wood spent Sunday and Monday with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore and granddaughter Patty. Mr. and Mrs. Wood celebrated their 33rd year anniversary, Sunday.

Tom Henning was passing around among his friends, Tuesday, a fine little yearly calendar, which was thankfully received. Tom is an enterprising fellow and believes in Advertising.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson and Alfred H. Eachus of San Pedro were Joshua Tree visitors Wednesday. The Thompsons own pro-

perty here and came over to inspect it. Young David, a son of Mr. Eachus, who is attending military school at Roswell, N. M., was in the party. They were delighted with the weather here.

Mrs. Mino Alspauch of 29 Palms dropped into the Journal office Thursday and renewed her faith in this great moral guide. Mrs. Alspauch is more or less interested in the raising of turkeys in the valley and is gleaning information along that line.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Putnam and daughters enjoyed Christmas dinner at the LaHayes home.

Marion and Jerry Emig visited at the LaHayes home on Christmas day.

Josephine Emig Chase was a Christmas day visitor at the LaHaye home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. West of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Ray West of Yakima, Wash., were visitors in Joshua Tree over the week end. The Wests are property owners here and came over to look the situation over.

Among the many New Year's resolutions made by some of the boys in Joshua Tree was one made by Charles Mitchell of the Bunker Land Co. Maybe you'd better ask him about it.

BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, JAN. 10th

There will be a board meeting of the Joshua Tree Woman's Club held Friday, Jan. 10th, at 2 p.m., at the home of Mrs. C. N. Lyday. All members are requested to be present.

Palm Springs Case Clarified

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug today said the Palm Springs Indian case tried recently in the San Francisco Circuit Court of Appeals is an inter-Indian dispute, not an Interior Department war.

Krug characterized as false published reports that the court decided to "give Palm Springs back to the Indians, contrary to the wishes of the Interior Department."

"The question at issue," said Krug, "is not one of giving the land back to the Indians but whether valuable tribal lands can be given to individual Indians by subordinate officials without the consent of the tribe that owns the land."

"The Interior Department has defended the right of the tribe to this property. Final adjudication of that issue now rests with the Supreme Court."

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Joshua Tree Has No Smog

An interesting and enlightening series of articles under the heading, "Doctors Look at Smog," has been appearing in the Pasadena Star - News. The Editor's Note states "The Star - News presents the articles by prominent Pasadena area medical men explaining the effects of smog on health."

An eye specialist reported that "Physicians are bombarded daily by phone calls and office visits inquiring what to do to alleviate the smarting and tearing of the eyes." This doctor further states that "all they (physicians) can truthfully advise is to GET OUT OF THE SMOG OR GET RID OF THE SMOG."

An internal specialist wrote that "— smog is a disturbing influence that potentially prevents heart patients from obtaining adequate rest."

A specialist in the treatment of ear, nose and throat observed that "The smog makes patients with hay fever or sinusitis much worse."

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William Allen White, who thought "very" was the most overworked word in the English language, once told Franklin P. Adams how he could eliminate the word. "Instead of 'very' write the word 'damn' " he advised. "The proof-reader will knock out the 'damn' —and there you have a right good sentence."

A milkman's life is never dull, and Vancouver milkmen have learned not to be surprised at any sort of request. Here is a copy of a note actually left by a customer.

Dear Milkman: When you leave my milk, knock on my bedroom window and wake me. I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress. P. S. Hope you don't mind.

During a conversation with an old friend I hadn't seen for some time, I asked how he had been sleeping. "I sleep good nights," he said, "and I sleep pretty good mornings, but afternoons I just seem to twist and turn."

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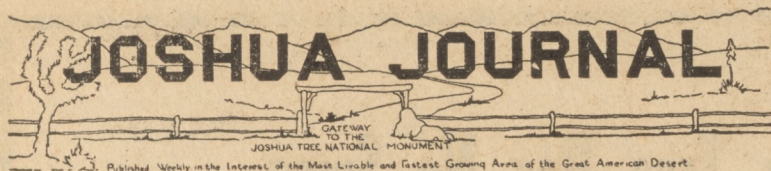
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SIGNING OFF

With this issue of the Joshua Journal, we are passing out of the picture and will turn the duties over to Stewart Gear, who is known to many of you and who was the first editor and co-founder of the paper.

In bidding you goodbye we wish to extend to all our readers who have in our six months stay here as editor of the Journal made our stay pleasant by their many appreciable letters, a hearty thank you and sincerely hope for you a prosperous and pleasant new year. We really regret having to leave the desert and Joshua Tree, as we firmly believe the little town and the entire Morongo Valley has a bright future before it and that within the next few years its advancement will be very noticeable.

Our relations with the owner of the paper, Mr. Chester R. Bunker, has been pleasant and we want to stress at this point that the people of Joshua Tree and vicinity owe Mr. Bunker and his Townsite Company a lot of praise and co-operation in his strenuous efforts to build a town here and develop the valley. It has been no easy task to accomplish all that has been done in that line, and he should have the hearty support and well wishes of every citizen here.

To the business firms and citizens up and down the Valley, from Morongo to Twentynine Palms we extend our thanks for their past favors and wish them a prosperous future. And for Joshua Tree, and the Joshua Journal we predict a successful future.

"hasta luego,"
W. K. BARRETT

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Less than two per cent of the 162,000 World War 11 veterans who have been processed by the Los Angeles Veterans Service Center during the past year have signified a desire to borrow money from the State Veterans Board to go into business for themselves.

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The new Republican Congress may not be able to give us a chicken in every pot or a car in every garage, but if they will give us plenty of bacon and beans we may be able to weather the storm until such time as the democrats take over again.

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As war wealth fades it is the consensus of opinion among those who ought to know, that there will be plenty of vacant rooms to rent in the hotels before the new year is very far advanced. It is very evident that travel is off nationally, which will make hotel vacancies where 100 per cent occupancy long has been the rule.

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The 80th Congress convenes today with the majority in both houses being Republican. That drastic legislation is to be attempted by the new congress is a foregone conclusion. Just how the Republican Congress gets along with a democratic president will be interesting to watch.

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More than 43,000 marriage licenses were issued in Los Angeles county for 1946, as against 33,267 divorces filed.

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Strive to make 1947 the biggest and one of the best years of your life. Cut out the bickering and back-biting and put your neck in the collar and pull your share of the load. It takes co-operation and a pull together to reach the goal of success. 1947 should be a prosperous year for most of the people of Joshua Tree and the entire Morongo Basin, and it will be if we all work to that end.

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Ideas die in some heads because they can't stand solitary confinement.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt once gave this advice to his son James on speech making: "Be sincere, be brief, be seated."

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Black Sheep

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Untrammelled, unrestricted, free to come
And go by forest path and ocean beach,
Mocking the birds, chumming with shine and shower,

Roaming the desert's spacious solitude
Like Him, that Wandered, who had not where
To lay His head, or scaling lofty flanks
Of mountains stark, where Unknown Spirit broods.

Call me a throw-back . . . catalogue me as
The black sheep of respected family
Of ministers or merchants. I don't wear
The mark of Mammon on my suntanned brow.

Granted, my scant habiliments are worn;
Agreed, my purse is well-nigh empty . . . yet
In truth, I'm wealthy, for my spirit joys
In things the Great Creator molds and tints —

Woodland, lake land, sand-dune, sibilant surf,
Sunrise and flaming sunset — yet, I'm rich.
These are my treasures as I tread Life's trail.
(Relative values! do I hear you say?)
Trama Regus Patoff

For the Star Gazers

By Tom Keene
Amateur Astronomer

Out here on the desert, where stars shine brighter than anywhere else in the world, is food for that of all who dwell here.

Do you know, for instance, that from 9 p.m. now in the evenings and until well after midnight, the skies overhead present the most beautiful array of stars and constellations that can be seen at any time of the year?

Directly overhead at 9 o'clock is a small cluster of stars. That is the Pleiades, or Seven Sisters. Just east of it is a V-shaped cluster. That is the Hyades. Both are in the constellation of Taurus.

Just east of that is the most interesting of all constellations, Orion. Orion is easily recognized by its three stars in a row and its bright white Rigel at the south and its famous ruddy Betelgeuse on the north.

North of Taurus is a white brilliant. It is Capella, in Auriga, the pentagon shaped constellation.

East of Auriga is Gemini, with the heavenly twins, Castor and Pollux. East of Gemini, some 15 degrees, is the planet Saturn. Saturn does not twinkle.

Directly south of Saturn is Procyon, the Little Dog and further south is the brightest of all first magnitude stars, Sirius, the dog star. Off to the southwest, and shining alone is Formalhaut, one

of the four royal stars of astrology.

There are other objects, but the above are the most interesting at this time of the year and are grouped together.

**HOLIDAY VISITORS
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen and sons Peter and Perry of Monrovia spent the New Year's holiday period as guests of Mrs. Wm. F. Keys at the ranch up in the Monument.

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**Star Gazer
Calls on Journal**

Tom Keene, an old newspaper man, but who now calls himself an Amateur Astronomer, called on the Journal this week, just to get acquainted.

Mr. and Mrs. Keene, who live in Burbank are the holiday guests of Mrs. Edna L. Reagan out in Sun Valley.

Mr. Keene says he plans to locate out here on our desert and is interested in establishing an observatory where he can pursue his hobby and where others who are interested in astronomy can join him.

With the almost perpetually clear atmosphere we have and the absence of bright lights, Keene says star gazing couldn't be better.

Elsewhere in this issue is a little story of what can be seen in the heavens now, which Mr. Keene consented to write for us. Sounds interesting.

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Mr. Kirch rendered a soprano solo, "In the Garden," accompanied by Mrs. H. K. Lee.

Come to church Sunday and start the New Year right.

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Food and Clothing Sharply Overpriced

The following by Joseph and Stewart Alsop, in the New York Tribune, columnists, is full of logic and sound sense:

Although the general level of prices is higher than ever before in American history, luxury prices have suddenly collapsed in the last few weeks. That is a fact which economists and political observers here have noted with deep interest.

There is a deal of disagreement as to exactly what the luxury price collapse means. But there is general agreement that it may have really important significance for the immediate economic future of the country.

The collapse started in the fur trade. Last summer the fur dealers and manufacturers were filled with an eager optimism. But something went wrong. Sales were slow. Stores were caught with heavy inventories.

Ladies who had previously eagerly snapped up furs at double the normal price were choosy, and often refused to buy at all. Prices fell off, until expensive furs are now being offered at a 40 per cent mark down.

Furs started it, but other luxury goods soon followed. High-priced antiques have been marked down in many cities. So has jewelry. Department-store sales have been large, but store managers in many places are worried by their big inventories of luxury goods. . .

SOME OTHER DECLINES

Nor is the fall confined to high-priced commodities. People are spending less at race tracks; at some tracks the take has fallen by 40 per cent. Theater tickets are again becoming obtainable.

This collapse in the market for luxury goods is no more than a small cloud on the economic horizon. But there are other clouds. Already cotton has been hit. Canned goods, say some economists, are next in turn.

BULGING WAREHOUSES

The warehouses are bulging with canned goods of every kind, produced to be sold at high prices. The goods are staying in the warehouses,

The tone, the emphasis, of the advertisements has changed. Only a few months ago, the advertisements were saying, in effect, "We have it." Now they are just beginning to say, "We have it cheaper."

Nor is that all. The managers of great stores in the metropolitan areas are beginning to worry about inventory. In Chicago, Sears, Roebuck has issued orders to get inventory down to bedrock by the first of the year.

It is now reported, in Women's Wear Daily, that the Philadelphia Wanamaker's is trying to get rid of more than \$2,000,000 worth of high-priced goods.

What does all this mean? In an attempt to find out, your correspondents have talked to a number of economists and businessmen. Opinions vary greatly. There is some opinion that the luxury price collapse merely means the washing off of the big war money — the easy money of the black market, the profiteer, the foolish wartime spender — and that it has no overall significance.

There are professional pessimists who believe that the pattern of the early '20s will be exactly repeated, with a sudden collapse all along the line, and a really painful business recession, with widespread unemployment, to follow. There are many variable factors, of which the demands of the labor unions are the most important. But the most widely held and reliable view of the immediate economic future is along the following lines:

Sometime between now and the middle of 1947, there will be a sharp decline in farm prices and in clothing, particularly women's clothing.

RECESSION IN 1947

Economists believe that both food and clothing are now sharply overpriced in relation to supply and demand. By mid-1947, farm prices are expected to fall as much as 25 or 30 per cent. When food prices drop, agricultural income will drop, which will in turn force industrial prices down. Lumber and building materials will fall sharply. This all adds up to a dip, or recession, call it what you will, in 1947.

But the economists hasten to assure you that the dip will be very

short. Too many people will still need cars and refrigerators and radios and, above all, a place to live, to permit a really serious recession to develop.

After the dip, the economy will

again level out, and a period of general prosperity will ensue. How long that period will last not the most courageous gazer into the economic crystal ball cares to predict.

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Desert Compared To Woman

by Rose Kolb

The following, taken from the files of the Desert Barnacle, as of last September, is well worth reading:

Like an alluring woman, the desert is endless in her fascination.

You curse the desert as you leave it on a hot, sticky day with sweat dripping from every pore. And when you leave the cool mountains to return in the evening, expecting a greeting of hot and relentless fury, she surprises you with a lovely night that's star-studded and soothingly comfortable.

And like a beautiful and clever woman, she wears her proudest jewel — the moon, a huge orange segment glowing over the black velvet of the mountains.

You know it has been hot during the day in the Valley. Heat flashes of lightning flicker on one side like retreating bits of anger that a shrewd woman captures and conceals.

As you come to the floor of the Valley, the moon flashes through the palm fronds nestled in a froth of old lace catching the amber glow from a flickering candle.

The sky is fused in soft fluffy tiers of wandering clouds, and all the heavens are bathed in soft moonlight.

Just as an intelligent and exotic woman is a past master at providing tantalizing surprises, so is the desert full of sweet trickery.

Instead of hot fury, she welcomes you back with an enticing and breath-takingly beautiful touch of gentle breezes and soft

Man-Bait

By Nell Murbarger

Scores of California cities are planning gala celebrations for 1948 to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the "discovery of gold" in the state. Yet the yellow flake picked up by John Marshall from the tail-race of Capt. Sutter's saw-mill on January 24, 1848, was by no means the first gold found in California.

As much as thirty years before Marshall's famed "find," gold had been located in considerable quantities at San Ysidro, in San Diego County, and at San Juan Bautista, in San Benito County. Jedediah Smith found gold at Mono Lake in 1827. Padre Martinez, of Mission San Jose in Santa Clara County, gave twenty ounces of locally-mined gold to Jose Pico and his company of soldiers in 1829. David Douglas, Scotch botanist, in 1831 shipped to England a collection of

splendor all her own.

You are glad to return to her.

And although you know it is all female artistry, you give up to her charms once more — you surrender again as you're caught in the quiet strength of her fascination.

young California pine trees, to the roots of which clung small gold nuggets.

Late in 1827 the firm of Geo. F. Hussey and George Mackay, brokers, shipped to the United States mint at Philadelphia 853 ounces and 15 pennyweight of "native grain" California gold. The shipment, which was recorded at the mint on January 30, 1838, brought returns of approximately \$16,000.

While eating his lunch in Placerita Canyon, near the present site of Newhall on March 8, 1842, Don Francisco Lopez found gold plastered to the roots of some wild onions he had pulled to eat with his meal. The discovery caused considerable excitement.

On November 22 of the same year, Abel Stearns shipped twenty ounces of Placerita Canyon gold to Alfred Robinson, who transported it to the Philadelphia mint. Stearns was paid \$344.75 for the shipment. Even better known is John Bidwell's location of gold at Bidwell Bar in 1844.

Doubtless many other discoveries of the yellow metal in California were likewise made prior to the historic flake found by Marshall. Yet, strangely, it was that flake that turned the tide of empire westward.

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And maybe a pup,
Helps lay the floor
And get the roof up,
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Keeps house or store,
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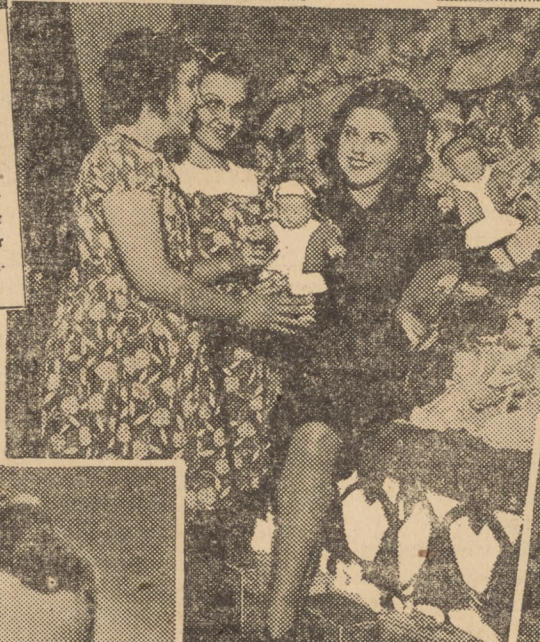
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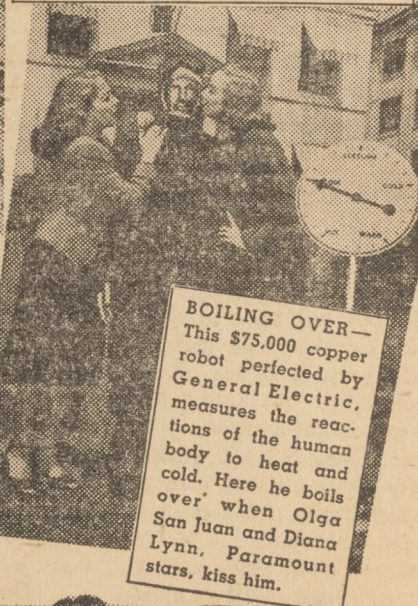
CRIPPLED VETS TO FLY—Crippled war veterans, patients at Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D. C., chat with a nurse as they are prepared for boarding a plane for an air trip to their homes for the holidays.



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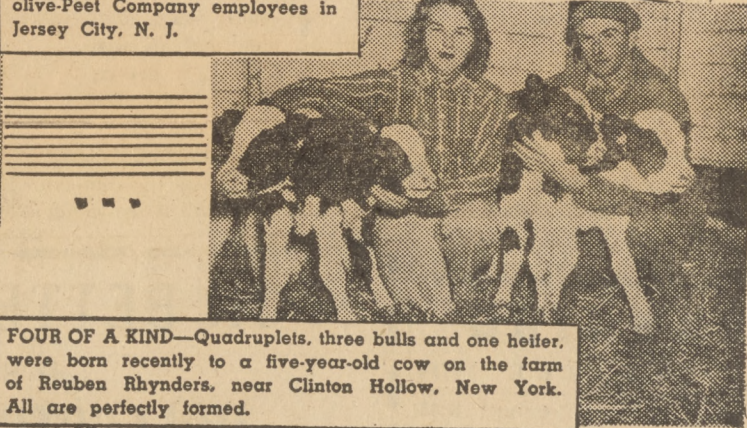
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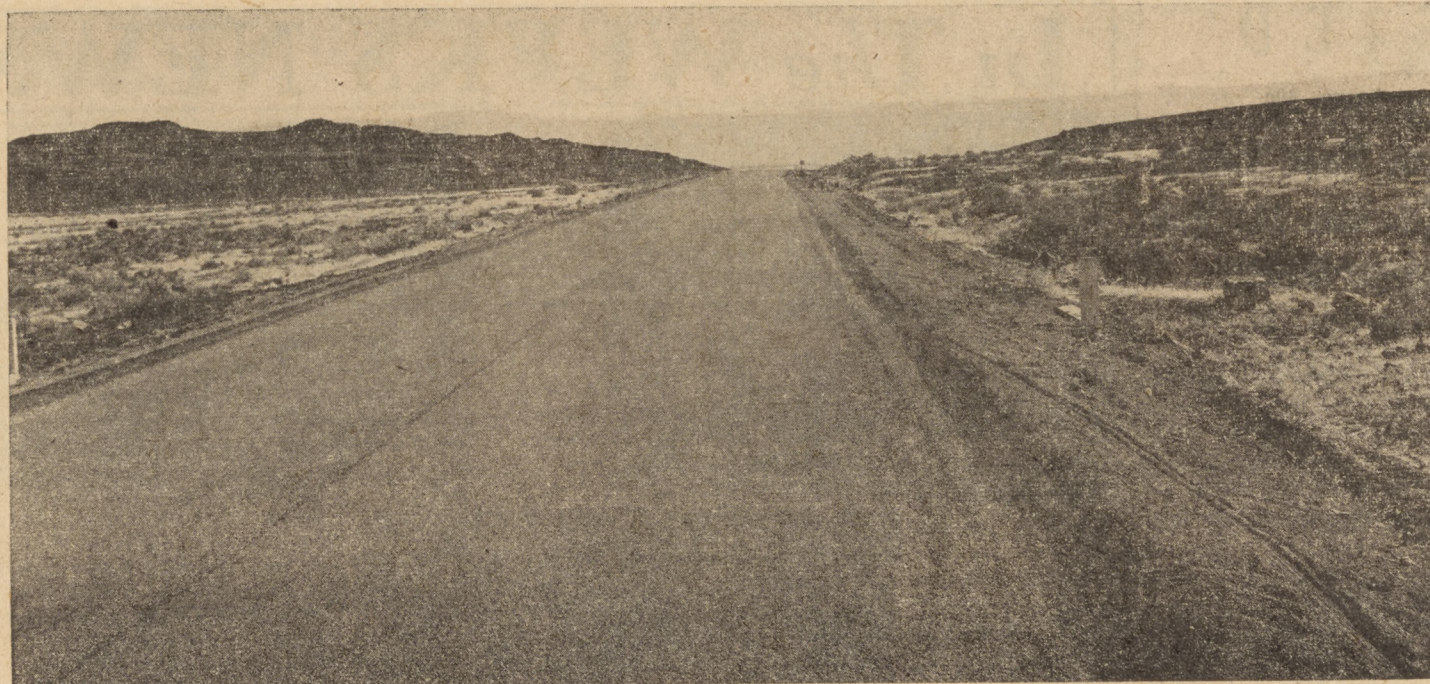
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An Eagle shall build in the Lion Mouth.

Carriages without horses shall go, And accidents fill the world with woe.

Primrose hill in London shall be, And in its center a Bishop's See; Around the world thoughts shall fly

In the twinkling of an eye, Water shall yet wonders do, Now, strange, shall yet be true; The world upside down shall be, And gold found at the root of a tree;

Through hills man shall ride, And no horse or ass be by his side; Under water men shall walk, Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk; In the air men shall be seen, In white, in black, in green; Iron in the water shall float, As easy as a wooden boat.

Gold shall be found, and found In a land that's not now known. Fire and water shall more wonders

England shall at last admit a Jew; right to vote in municipal elections and hold municipal offices when a new law is published in the government's official daily.

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Be led to dance a bloody dance Before her people shall be free Three tyrant rulers shall she see, Three times the people rule alone, Three times the people's hope is gone,

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